GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal from the Government of Rajasthan for utilization of additional surface water in Tribal Sub-Plan Area costing Rs. 41300 crores during the May, 2001;

(b) if so, the present status of the proposal;

(c) whether the Government are considering to accord approval for utilization of additional surface water in TPS are for Rajasthan;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the time by which the proposal is likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM)

(a) to (e) Grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution are released against the specific projects within the entitlement of the State Governments. The entitlement of Rajasthan for the year 2001-2002 was Rs.20.00 crores. The project proposal for development of small scale surface water resources in the Scheduled Areas of Rajasthan amounting to Rs.413.45 crores was discussed, along with other projects of the State, in a meeting which was attended by the Minister-in-charge of Tribal Development of Rajasthan along with the concerned Secretary. Since the project cost was much beyond the entitlement of the State, other projects of relevance to the tribal development in Rajasthan were approved within the entitlement of the State.